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Recently our index has carried so much cross-referencing that it became cumbersome to use. This year we have, therefore, published a much simpler version, which has been designed on the following principles.

We publish basically two types of article: one dealing with its subject comprehensively and therefore containing information to which readers are likely to want to refer over periods of many years; and the other comprising very short notices under headings such as Components and Products, Materials and Treatment etc, which are news items of interest mainly at the time of publication.

Therefore, for reference purposes, the latter have been dealt with simply by listing the pages on which these items appear. Excessive cross-referencing of the main items has been avoided by selecting the key words from their headings and listing the article under these. For example, "A Theoretical Treatment of the Aquaplaning Tyre" is listed as "Aquaplaning, a theoretical treatment", the first word obviously being the subject in which readers are likely to be interested.

There are, however, a few instances where cross-referencing is desirable. For example, "The Automatic Gear Testing Machine" has two primarily interesting features: first, it is automatic and secondly that it is a gear testing machine; hence it has been listed under both.

Further condensation has been achieved in the usual manner by grouping under sub-headings, for example, Books, Engines, Steering and Suspension. Previously each article so grouped was also listed separately in the general alphabetical sections.

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